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SUBJECT: GOE MININFO'S PRESS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY. MININFO'S JAN. 7 PRESS CONFERENCE WAS LENGTHY AND WIDE RANGING, DEALING CHIEFLY WITH NECESSITY TO COOL DOMESTIC IRRITATION AT ECONOMIC DISTRESS. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BUSINESS WEEK REMARKS WERE DESCRIBED AS UNNECESSARY, UNHELPFUL, AND UNACCEPTABLE. END SUMMARY.

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1. FIRST PUBLIC GOE REACTION TO BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW CAME IN

COURSE OF LENGTHY PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY MININFO ABU AL-MAGD  
ON JAN 7. HIGHLIGHTS OF ABU AL-MAGD'S REMARKS FOLLOW:

A) SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. ABU AL-MAGD SAID  
SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS WERE "UNNECESSARY, UNTIMELY, AND ON THEIR  
MERITS UNACCEPTABLE." (COMMENT: AHRAH JAN. 8 USED STORY AS  
SECOND LEAD WITH THREE COLUMN HEADLINE: KISSINGER'S RECENT  
STATEMENTS DO NOT SERVE CAUSE OF PEACE." THESE TOUGH REMARKS  
WILL BE WELCOMED BY GENERAL PUBLIC HERE AS APT REPLY TO WHAT  
EGYPTIANS STRONGLY BELIEVE IS, IN FACT, UNACCEPTABLE AND UNNECES-  
SARY BRANDISHING OF "BIG STICK" (AKHBAR'S WORDS) IN DIRECTION  
OF EGYPT'S SAUDI BROTHERS, IN VIEW OF SAG'S TRADITIONALLY PRO-  
AMERICAN POLICY.

B) OIL PRICES. ARABS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WORLD ENERGY,  
MONETARY, OR INFLATION CRISES. FIVE MAJOR US OIL COMPANIES  
MADE GREATER PROFITS AS RESULT RISING OIL PRICES, WHILE ARABS MERELY  
TRYING REDRESS HISTORIC ECONOMIC INJUSTICES.

C) FAHMY'S MOSCOW TRIP. LACK OF PUBLICITY DOES NOT MEAN NO  
AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED WHEN FAHMY WENT TO MOSCOW. AGREEMENT  
ON BASIC ISSUES WILL COME WHEN BREZHNEV COMES TO CAIRO "AT A  
LATER STAGE".

D) GENEVA AND SINAI. ASKED IF SINAI WITHDRAWAL IS PRECONDITION  
FOR GENEVA, ABU AL-MAGD CLAIMED "NO OFFER WHATSOEVER" HAS BEEN  
RECENTLY PRESENTED TO GOE CONCERNING PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI.  
(COMMENT: THIS IS REITERATION OF STANDARD GOE LINE.) PARTIES  
MUST DEMONSTRATE "MANIFESTATIONS OF STEP FORWARD TOWARD PEACE"  
BEFORE TALKING OF GENEVA.

E) INTERNAL STABILITY. EGYPT'S STRUGGLE HAS THREE DIMENSIONS:  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGGREGATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS  
RESULTING FROM MASSIVE MILITARY EXPENDITURE, AND NECESSITY FOR  
LARGE DEGREE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY SINCE WAR NOT YET  
OVER. WHAT IS REQUIRED IS STRIKING BALANCE BETWEEN STABILITY  
AND ATMOSPHERE OF FREEDOM. ARAB SOCIALIST UNION AND PRESS ARE  
BEING REORGANIZED "TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS, NOT TO DIMINISH  
FREEDOM." RECENT RIOTS WERE ORGANIZED EFFORT CAPITALIZE ON  
PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC SUFFERINGS WHICH ARISE FROM HUGE MILITARY  
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ALLOCATIONS. NEITHER FREEDOM NOR DEMOCRACY ARE ABSOLUTE. ANY  
HINT OF INSTABILITY AT HOME WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT EGYPT NEGOTIATING  
POWER. SENSATIONAL REPORTS ABOUT CURRENT DOMESTIC ECONOMIC  
DIFFICULTIES BORDER ON CRIME, SINCE THEY FAIL RECOGNIZE NEED FOR  
NATIONAL UNIT, PREJUDICE PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC OPEN DOOR AND  
SHAKE FOREIGN CONFIDENCE IN EGYPTIAN MARKET.  
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